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Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1386 (2001), in which the Council called upon Member States to contribute personnel, equipment and other resources to the International Security Assistance Force for Afghanistan, I am pleased to inform you that Italy, as of 19 December 2001, has decided to contribute approximately 600 military personnel to the Force, and subsequently communicated this decision to the leadership of the Force, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Italy's participation in the International Security Assistance Force has already been approved by the Italian Parliament, and contacts are under way between Italy and the United Kingdom to define the modalities for deployment and the date of departure of the Italian contingent.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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